

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:	)	
	)	<b>Group Art Unit:</b> Not yet assigned
<b>Srinivasan, et al.</b>	)	
	)	<b>Examiner:</b> Not yet assigned
<b>Serial No.:</b> Not yet assigned	)	
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<b>Filed:</b> January 18, 2000	)	
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<b>For:</b> Method and System for Representing	)	
and Accessing Object-Oriented Data in a	)	
Relational Database System	)	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to a substantive examination of the application, please consider the following  
remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 16-20 and 22 in the parent application were cancelled in the filing under 37 CFR §  
1.53(b). No other Claims are amended or added; hence, Claims 1-15, 21, and 23 in the parent  
are pending in the present application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15, 21, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in the parent Application  
as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,937,409 ("Wetherbee") in view of U.S.  
Patent No. 6,016,499 ("Ferguson").

Applicants respectfully submit that rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is not proper in

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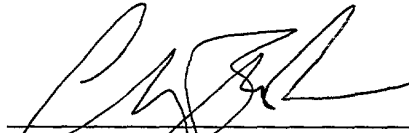
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